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SUBJECT: KING HUSSEIN INTERVIEW WITH ASHAI SHIMBUN

- 1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: IN AUGUST 17 INTERVIEW WITH JAPANESE PAPER ASHAI SHIMBUN, KING AGAIN EXPRESSED HOPE THAT RESULTS OF CAMP DAVID MEETING WOULD BE IN HARMONY WITH RESOLUTION 242. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS ON CONSEQUENCES OF FAILURE OF THE SADAT INITIATIVE, KING SAID ARAB CAUSE SHOULD BE PRESENTED TO THE WORLD AND REFERRED TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL. HE ADDED THAT ARABS SHOULD ALSO CALL FOR CONVOCATION OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE. END UNCLASSIFIED.
- 2. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL: COMMENT: WE BELIEVE THIS IS THE FIRST TIME KING HAS SUGGESTED PUBLICLY THAT HE IS LOOKING TO SECURITY COUNCIL AND RENEWED GENEVA CONFERENCE IF SADAT INITIATIVE FAILS.

 HOWEVER, GOJ HAS RECENTLY SHOWN INTEREST IN EXPLORING A "SAFETY NET" TO KEEP NEGOTIATING ROAD OPEN IN CASE CURRENT U.S.-SPONSORED PEACE EFFORTS ARE UNSUCCESSFUL; CONFIDENTIAL

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INTERNATIONALIZING ISSUE THROUGH SECURITY COUNCIL OR GENEVA CONFERENCE ACTION ARE OBVIOUS ALTERNATIVES. END CONFIDENTIAL.SUDDARTH

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